



Brownfields 2010 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet

Charlotte, NC

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Charlotte was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in southwestern North Carolina, Charlotte (population 687,456) has been one of the fastest growing cities in the south. In its effort to expand redevelopment to areas outside of the center city, Charlotte is targeting the Business Corridor Revitalization Area (BCRA) for assessments. The BCRA is home to more than 400 potential brownfield sites, including 100-acre rail yards, 45 dry cleaning operations, 163 leaking petroleum underground storage tank sites, and dozens of other industrial properties. The area also contains 200 miles of creeks and streams and 1,400 acres of parks and greenspace. Runoff from potentially contaminated sites flows into the creeks, which flow through five parks used primarily by minority and low-income residents. Brownfield assessments are a key step toward realizing the city's goal to create a safe and prosperous environment for BCRA residents, and are expected to spur site cleanup and redevelopment.

Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Charlotte for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 14 Phase I and 12 Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used for cleanup planning and community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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